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SUBJECT: CLUSTER MUNITIONS: ITALY STILL FIRMLY WITHIN
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Classified By: Acting Political Minister-Counselor Jonathan Cohen for R
easons 1.4 (B) and (D)

¶1. (C) Poloff delivered reftel demarche to Italian MFA Acting Director for Nonproliferation and Disarmament Affairs Laura Aghillare on May 9. Aghillare stressed that the Italian position is still decidedly against any agreement that would compromise the "like-minded" approach and that the Italian Government has made clear to the Oslo Process organizers that it has no intention of signing on to anything that would hinder allied interoperability. That said, the Italians had found some of the compromise proposals to the Wellington language contained in the compendium (in particular the Japanese language) reasonable and worthy of discussion at the upcoming Dublin meeting. She said that both the MFA and MOD remain firmly engaged on the issue at the working level despite the current transition period in the Italian government.

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